

## Perfect property audit earns Medicaid third consecutive recognition

Perfection is not just the goal, but the norm at the Alabama Medicaid Agency where attention to detail and a commitment to responsible use of taxpayer money has resulted in the Agency's third consecutive perfect state property audit. The 2008 audit, coordinated by Inventory Control Officer Lane Pasley, accounted for 1,340 items valued at \$16,648,442.

"We take our obligation to be accountable to the state's taxpayers very seriously. I am very proud that every item was accounted for and located. I want to especially thank Lane Pasley for his great work in tracking all of our property," said Medicaid Commissioner Carol H. Steckel.

Pasley, however, gives all the credit to Medicaid's staff. "These perfect audits wouldn't be possible without the efforts of our employees here and in the district offices," he said. "We've got good people here."



For about three weeks every two years, the State Auditor's Office audits the entire property inventory of the Agency's main and district offices. To help those state audits come out perfect, Pasley conducts an annual in-house inventory in order to identify and locate any missing items, a six-month process. While the focus of the state audit is on items over \$500, Pasley admits he keeps track of everything under \$500 as well.

Technology has made Pasley's job a little easier over the years. In years past, inventory numbers were handwritten on desks, typewriters and other equipment. Today, all items are logged into a database and tagged with bar codes and property numbers for quick identification. And, in an effort to keep those perfect audits possible and further streamline the inventory process, property forms will soon be available electronically, he said.